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FRANK'S DAHLIA GARDEN

Growers of the Finest American
and European Dahlias

160 Talbot Drive Bedford, Ohio

January, 1936.

To Our Friends and Patrons,
Everywhere.

Greetings:

In reply to your inquiries about our method of growing exhibition dahlias, I submit this information.

We grow dahlias in a heavy clay loam, mostly clay. Manure is a thing that we do not know what it looks like, as it is scarce and expensive. Instead we sow rye in the fall and have it ploughed under in spring. We start planting roots May 15th and plants June 1st.

Beginning July, I broadcast steamed bone-meal between the rows and cultivate it in at once. This is repeated the beginning of August with the addition of potash. After this the rows are mulched with leaves. One pound of bone-meal and $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of potash is used to every six hills for both these feedings.

The plants are sprayed or dusted every week and the soil is cultivated two or three times a week until it is mulched. I pinch all plants six weeks before the show and two weeks before the date I water them, if it is necessary. This is the only watering that the plants receive.

Be it understood that this method will not produce size. However, it is the safest way I know of, that will give me thousands of blooms and a good stock at the same time. By growing varieties that are good bloomers, I am always able to select perfect blooms for the show-room, depending more on their color and perfection than size.

To sum this all up, my method can be stated briefly: I give my dahlias 365 days a year, work hard and try to use my head. I am sure that you can do the same thing if you want to.

I thank you for your generous patronage in 1935. Your business is appreciated and I trust that you will favor me with a share of it this season, for which I thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

FRANK J. PARENICA.

ORDER EARLY—to avoid disappointment. Roots will be shipped after April 1st, plants after May 1st. On orders amounting to less than \$2.00, add 15 cents for postage. Minimum plant order, \$2.50. Add 25 cents if you want plants shipped Special Delivery. We do not substitute.

WE GUARANTEE that all our dahlias are sent out in first class growing condition, that they are of healthy field grown stock, true to name and satisfactory to the customer. We treat you as we would like others to treat us.

OHIO RETAIL ORDERS—Please add 3% to the amount of your order to comply with Sales Tax Law.

CASH with order or before shipment. 25% deposit will hold order for spring delivery.

We have many European varieties on trial, so, if you do not find those that you want, write us, we may have them.

Join and support the Dahlia Society of your state. However, if you are a member, join also the American Dahlia Society, Inc. You will receive four quarterly bulletins full of information on the Dahlia. Send \$2.00 to Louis C. Alling, Secretary, 251 Court St., West Haven, Conn.

We also heartily recommend the Mid-West Dahlia News, published quarterly and edited by D. O. Eldredge, 170 Talmadge St., Madison, Wis. Subscription \$1.00 per year.

Roots Plants

ADIRONDAC SUNSET, ID, Scarlet, reverse and tips yellow	\$5.00	\$2.50
ALTMARK, SC, Rose with creamy white center	1.00	.....
AMELIA EARHART, SC, Apricot buff	2.00	.....
AMY MARTIN GARDIN, ID, Tyrian rose .....	.75	.....
ANDRE CSIZIK, SC, Violet rose	1.50	.....
ARCTURUS, FD, Scarlet, suffused yellow	1.50	.....
BALLEGO'S MAGENTA, IC, Rosy magenta	1.00	.....
BERGER'S JEWEL, Str. C, Soft lilac rose, points white .....	.....	2.50
BLAUER SCHEIN, SC, Lilac	1.50	.....
BOUQUET ROUGE, IC, Red	2.50	.....
BUCKEYE BRIDE, FD, Salmon pink .....	.50	.....
CALIFORNIA IDOL, ID, Clear yellow .....	.....	3.75
CASSANDRA, SC, Purple	1.00	.....
CITY OF CLEVELAND, ID, Scarlet, splashed orange	5.00	2.50
CORALLINA, ID, Dark coral red, bronzy center	3.00	1.50
DEUTSCHE SAAR, ID, Clear yellow blending into white, center darker	5.00	2.50
DEUTSCHE TRIUMPH, ID, White blending into lilac .....	.....	2.50
DOKOUPIL'S GIANT, FD, Lilac rose	1.00	.....
DOKOUPIL'S TRIUMPH, ID, Straw yellow	1.50	.....
DOROTHY STONE, ID, Pink .....	.50	.....
DORRIS J. COOPER, SC, Soft lilac	1.50	.....
DR. J. SCHEINER, SC, White overlaid lilac rose	1.50	.....
E. R. FANTASY, ID, Mallow pink	1.00	.....
EDWARD RINDFLEISCH, FD, Scarlet	1.25	.....
EHRENPREIS, SC, Salmon rose .....	.75	.....
ELISSA LANDI, FD, Bright salmon orange	2.00	.....
ENTRUP'S SCHONHEIT, ID, Dark brown red	2.50	1.50
ENTRUP'S SULTAN, FD, Dark carmine red	2.50	1.25
ENTRUP'S TRIUMPH, ID, Clear rose	3.75	1.75

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EXCELSIOR, FD, Golden bronze.....	1.25
EX LIBRIS, IC, Golden chamois, blending into glowing salmon red	2.50	1.25
FARBENWUNDER, IC, Orange yellow, tipped white	1.00	.....
ERSCHEINUNG, FD, Bright scarlet.....	.75	.....
FRAU MARIE KIPKE, SC, Rich orange, golden yellow at base and tips.....	2.50	1.25
FRAU M. WEHRENPFENNIG, SC, White.....	1.50	.....
FRAU O. BRACHT, SC, Soft yellow.....	1.00	.....
FRANZ BERGER, SC, Coral red.....	2.50	1.25
FRANK SERPA, ID, Pale pink shaded rose .....	.....	2.50
GARDENDIRECTOR ANLAUF, ID, Car- mine tipped white	1.50	.....
GEO. L. FARNUM, IC, Crimson scarlet.....	1.50	.....
GOLDEN AGE, Orange and gold.....	.....	2.50
GOLDEN GOBLIN, FD, Golden ochre.....	.50	.....
GOLDENE FREIHEIT, ID, Gold orange and bronze	1.50	.....
GOLDENE SCHONHEIT, SC, Canary yellow	1.50	.....
GOLDEN STANDARD, Str. C, Buff with amber and gold .....	.....	2.50
GOODACRE'S SENSATION, IC, Coral and salmon .....	.....	2.50
GRANDEE, ID, Nopal red shaded orange yellow	3.00	1.50
HEROS, ID, Bronze and copper.....	2.00	.....
HUNT'S VELVET WONDER, ID, Violet purple and burgundy .....	.....	2.50
JEAN TRIMBEE, SC, Petunia violet.....	.75	.....
JERSEY'S MELODY, SC, Carmine, silver reverse .....	.75	.....
JUDGE S. SEABURY, ID, Heliotrope to white	5.00	2.50
KAREOL, IC, Yellow, carmine and old rose	1.00	.....
KATH. V. SMITH, IC, Rose with lighter center	1.00	.....
KATHLEEN NORRIS, ID, Rosy pink.....	.50	.....
KISMET, SC, Crimson red	1.00	.....
KOMERZIALRAT BRAYER, ID, Indian red, points yellow	2.50	1.25
KURT ENGELHARDT, FD, Salmon rose.....	1.50	.....
LAETARE, SC, Clear red with gold yel- low points	2.50	1.25
LEIDEN'S ELEGANCE, Str. C, Bright carmine	5.00	2.50
LEMONIA, IC-Str. C, Lemon yellow.....	5.00	2.50
LILAC GLORY, IC, Lilac.....	1.00	.....
LORD OF AUTUMN, ID, Golden yellow.....	3.00	1.50
LYRIK, SC, Rosy red with chamois yel- low center	2.50	1.25
MADAME C. LIETAERT, SC, Carmine rose with cream center .....	.75	.....
MALCHIN, SC, Deep lilac	2.00	.....
MAN O' WAR, ID, Oxblood red	2.50	1.25
MARGRACE, ID, Carmine red with chrome base and petaloids.....	5.00
MARY E. REDFERN, ID, Deep orchid rose	3.00	1.50

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MASTODON, ID, Apricot	1.50
MARCHENSHON, FD, Combination of carmine and yellow75
MISS BELGIUM, Str. C, Orange	1.50	.....
MONM. CHAMPION, FD, Orange flame ..	.50	.....
MONM. RADIANCE, ID, Coral pink, suffused primrose	1.50	.....
MONM. SUNBURST, FD, Orange, lemon yellow center	1.50	.....
MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER, ID, Car- mine red	5.00	2.50
MRS. RICHARD TWYFORD, Str. C, Brilliant scarlet with yellow disc at base	5.00	2.50
MUNCHHAUSEN, FD, Salmon red blending into white .....	.....	2.50
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE, ID, Velvety red	2.00	.....
NATIONALBROWN, Str. C, Base color light tan, petals touched with creamy yellow and blending into rose red	5.00	2.50
NEW DEAL, ID, Brilliant orange red	5.00	2.50
NEUES REICH, FD, Bright red	2.50	1.25
NIVEA, IC, White .....	.75	.....
NOCTURNO, IC, Dark red	2.50	1.25
OBERGARTNER DILLGE, Str. C, Cat- tleya blue	1.00	.....
OFFENBARUNG, Str. C, Lilac on white ground	1.00	.....
OTTO VON SCHLUMBERGER, ID, Clear lilac	3.00	1.50
PALO ALTO, SC, Pinkish salmon and gold	2.00	.....
PAMATKA NA BRECLAV, FD, Cham- pagne	1.00	.....
PAUL PFITZER, SC, Chamois rose	1.50	.....
PHANTOM, FD, Violet tipped white .....	.....	1.50
PINK SELECTION, SC, Silver rose	1.00	.....
PINK SPIRAL, IC, Peach pink	5.00	2.50
POESIE MORAVY, ID, White with soft lilac shading .....	.....	1.25
POLLY, IC, Lemon yellow	1.50	.....
PRACHTKERL, SC, Deep yellow .....	.....	2.50
PREMIE, FD, Yellow, points and center chocolate red	1.50	.....
PRINCE OF PERSIA, ID, Bright red .....	.50	.....
PRINCESS NINI, SC, Salmon rose, points and center greenish yellow	1.25	.....
PURPLE WONDER, ID, Pansy purple	1.50	.....
R. A. BROOMFIELD, ID, Saffron orange and rose pink	2.50	.....
RENATE MULLER, IC, Salmon rose, pale yellow center	2.00	.....
RIELE, IC, Salmon rose with golden center	5.00	2.00
ROCKLEY MOON, FD, Clear yellow	2.50	.....
ROSA LOCARNO, Str. C, Soft rose with cream center	1.00	.....
ROSA RAYONANT, Str. C, Soft rose	1.00	.....
ROSIGER TRAUM, SC, Clear rose, cen- ter and points lighter	3.00	1.50
ROYAL ROBE, ID, Royal purple with silver reverse	2.50

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ROYAL VELVET, SC, Velvet red.....	.75
ROYAL WHITE, ID, White.....	.75
SAARLAND'S HEIMKEHR, Str. C, Salmon rose with a touch of amethyst, points and center flushed yellow.....	2.50	
SACRED FIRE, ID, Cherry red.....	3.00	1.50
SATAN, SC, Flaming red.....	1.25	.....
SHAHRAZADE, ID, Deep pink.....	.50	.....
SEVERIN'S TRIUMPH, FD, Salmon pink, deeper at center.....	5.00	2.50
SPOTLIGHT, ID, Primrose yellow.....	1.50	.....
TANNENBERG, SC, Blood red on yellow base, points yellow.....	.....	1.50
THE COMMODORE, ID, Brilliant lemon yellow.....	.50	.....
THE FIREMAN, ID, Cardinal red, flushed gold.....	2.00	.....
THOS A. EDISON, FD, Purple.....	.50	.....
TYRUS, Str. C, Dark mauve rose.....	2.50	1.25
WEISSER HIRSCH, Str. C, White.....	2.50	1.25
WHITE DUCHESS, FD, White.....	.75	.....
WHITE WONDER, ID, White.....	.75	.....
WORLD WONDER, IC, Soft yellow.....	.....	2.50
UNICUM, SC, Rosy lilac with cream center.....	1.00	.....

**COLLARETTE, BALL, BEDDING, MIGNON,
MINIATURE AND POMPOM DAHLIAS**

	Roots	Plants
A. MONTII, B, Clear yellow.....	.50	.....
BABY ROYAL, M, Salmon pink.....	.35	.....
CONGO BELGE, M, Dark red.....	.75	.....
DIBLICEK, P, Pale salmon and orange.....	.75	.....
DIADEM, Coll., Carmine rose, white collar.....	.50	.....
EDITH MUELLER, P, Cerise pink.....	.35	.....
GELBER GNOM, M, Canary yellow.....	2.00	.....
GERHARD, M, LaFrance rose.....	1.00	.....
GERTRUDE, P, Carmine.....	.35	.....
GIMPEL, M, Scarlet.....	.75	.....
GOLD ORANGE, Bed, Light orange, points yellow.....	1.00	.....
GOLDSMITH, B, Yellow and red.....	.50	.....
GOLDROSE, Bed, Rose.....	.75	.....
GUTT GLUCK, M, Violet tipped white.....	.75	.....
HONEY, P, Yellow, edged red.....	.25	.....
IDEAL, M, Soft lilac rose.....	.75	.....
LITTLE DREAM, M, Light rose, center and points lighter.....	1.50	.....
LITTLE SNOW QUEEN, M, White.....	1.50	.....
MARY MUNN, P, Lavender.....	.35	.....
PRINCESS MARY JOSE, Mig, Carmine rose.....	.35	.....
RARASEK, P, Deep scarlet.....	.50	.....
SCARLET QUEEN, Coll, Scarlet, center yellow.....	.50	.....
SLAVKA DOKOUPLOVA, M, Orange and white.....	.50	.....
USEFUL, M, Mauve rose.....	.75	.....
WILLFRED, Coll, White and scarlet with yellow collar.....	.50	.....

